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May 11, 2005

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Mr. Steven W. Hamm, Esquire
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P.O. Drawer 7788
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Dear Mr. Hamm:

The Pleading which you filed on behalf of McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc., Norway Telephone Company, Inc., St. Stephen Telephone Company, Inc., and Williston Telephone Company, Inc. (collectively, the TDS Companies) has been duly received and assigned Docket No. 2005-130-C.
Please check the enclosed Notice of Filing for accuracy.

In order to proceed with the processing of this Docket, it will be necessary for you to accomplish the following:

Publish, at your own expense, on or before **May 18, 2005**, the enclosed Notice, in newspapers of general circulation, in the affected areas, one time and provide the undersigned Proof of Publication on or before **May 25, 2005**.

Failure to comply with the above on or before the dates indicated may result in the **DISMISSAL** of your pleading.

In the meantime, should you require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

Docketing Department

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2005-130-C

McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc., Norway Telephone Company, Inc., St. Stephen Telephone Company, Inc., and Williston Telephone Company, Inc. (collectively, the "TDS Companies") have filed a Notice of Election of Alternative Regulation Plan pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-576 (the Plan) with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission). Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-576(A), the TDS Companies elect to have the rates, terms, and conditions of services determined pursuant to the Plan authorized in S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-576(B). According to the Application, as of April 28, 2005, the date of notice of election of the Plan, there is presently wireless coverage advertised and available in each of the TDS Companies' Exchange service areas from the following wireless carriers, none of which is affiliated with any of the TDS Companies: ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL"), Nextel South Corp. ("Nextel"), Sprint Spectrum, LP, d/b/a Sprint PCS ("Sprint PCS"), and Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon"). The Plan will apply to all local services offered by the TDS Companies that are regulated by the Commission. The TDS Companies respectfully request that the Commission issue an Order reflecting their election of alternative regulation as of April 28, 2005.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210; and is available from Steven W. Hamm, Esquire, Richardson, Plowden, Carpenter & Robinson, P.A., P.O. Drawer 7788, Columbia, 29202.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **May 25, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to **Docket No.** 2005-130-C.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and Steven W. Hamm, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **May 25, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to **Docket No.** 2005-130-C.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **May 25, 2005**. *Please refer to **Docket No.** 2005-130-C.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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